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**EPSOM CHAPEL (SITE)** - 1839 - East Joppa Road, Towson. Epsom Chapel, a stone and stucco building with gable roof in vernacular style stood northeast of present Shell Building on a site now marked by an aluminum historical roadside marker. Founded as a Methodist chapel, it was also used by other church bodies of Towson in their formative periods. Later used as a day nursery and scout headquarters. Demolished in July, 1950, to provide parking for Hutzlers. If a brick powder magazine had preceeded the chapel on this site, the land does not trace back to State or Federal ownership.

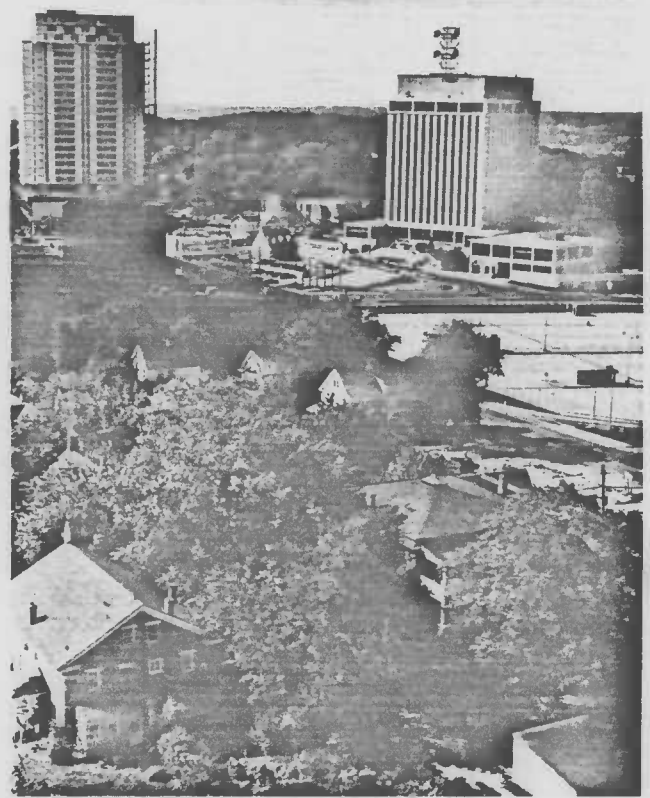
Mary Chew Grason Green as a young girl, probably in the 1890s.

*Photograph courtesy of Frances Steuart Green*



Chewville in 1975. Built by Benjamin Chew of Philadelphia in 1850, the stone house at the lower left is now a double private residence. Nestled in the trees beyond it is Peddlers' Village, a cluster of frame houses that have been converted into stores.

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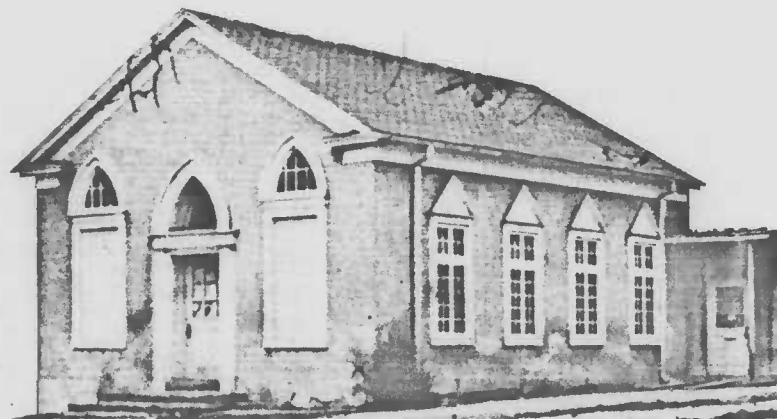


### Epsom Chapel: Mother of Towson Churches

On the Epsom grounds was an old building, said to have been a garrison during the eighteenth century. During the War of 1812, it was maintained as an ammunition magazine by the federal government. When Henry Banning Chew bought the property and its two acres in 1839, he donated them for church purposes, for at that time Towsonians had no church of their own. After the old magazine was razed, its stone was used to build a chapel twenty-six by forty feet. It stood on a little hill on Joppa Road near the east side of the present Hutzler's parking lot.

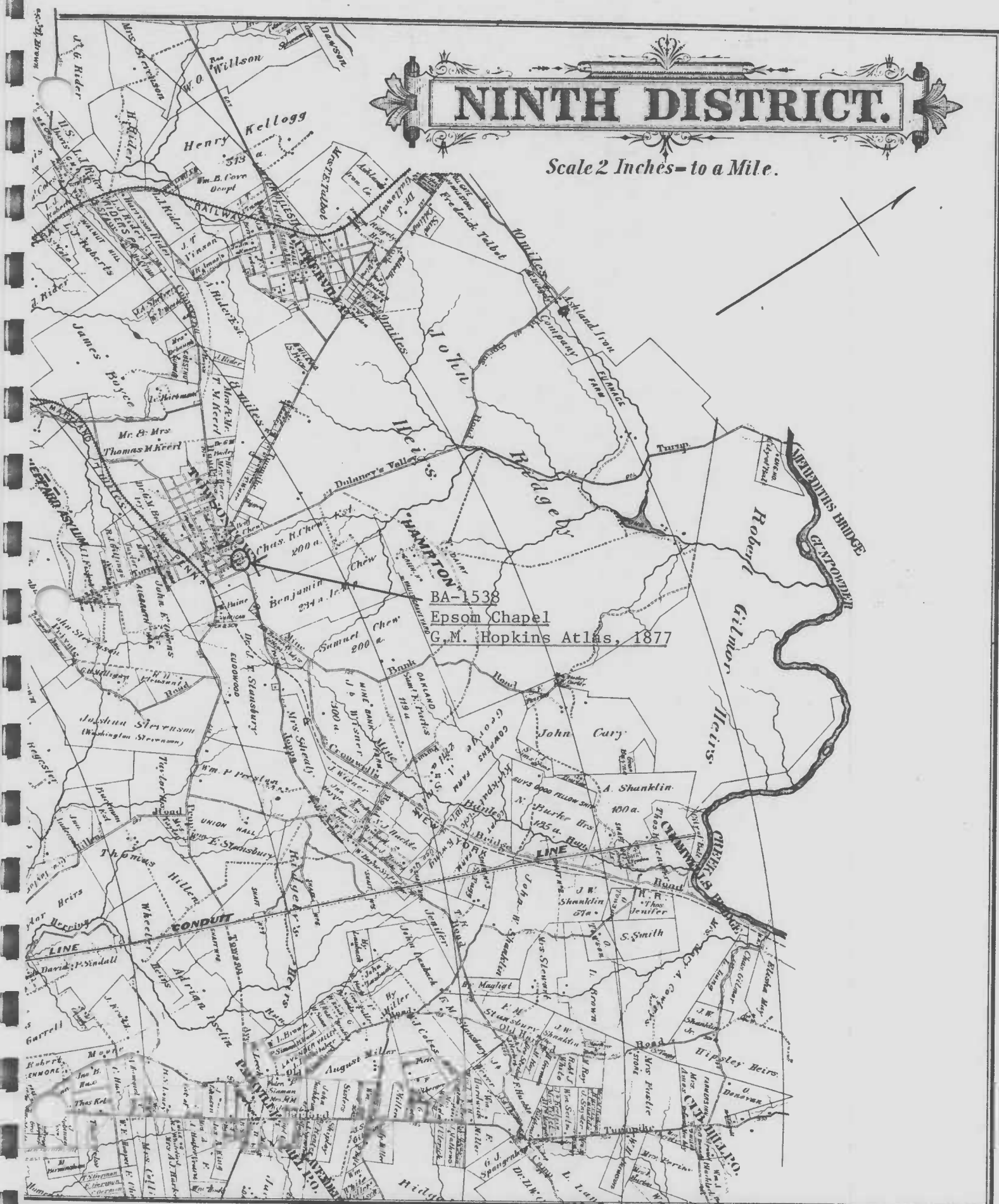
A "union" church, Epsom Chapel was open for use to any Evangelical minister or Christian denomination. Its first trustees included two Presbyterians, three Episcopalians, three Methodists, and a Baptist. After these denominations had founded their own churches, the chapel was used by the Boy Scouts as a meeting hall and by other congregations having no church building of their own. Epsom Chapel was razed in 1952.

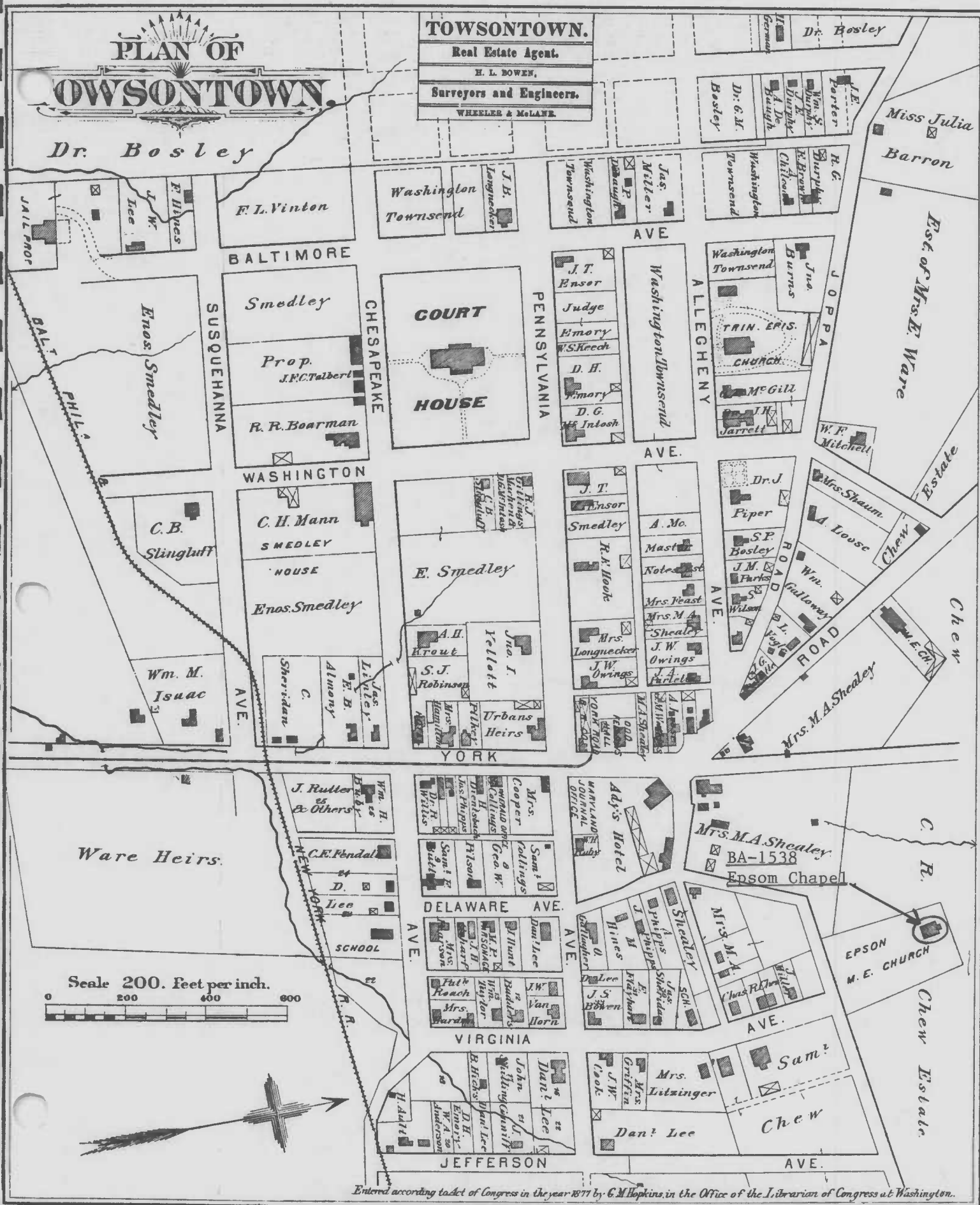
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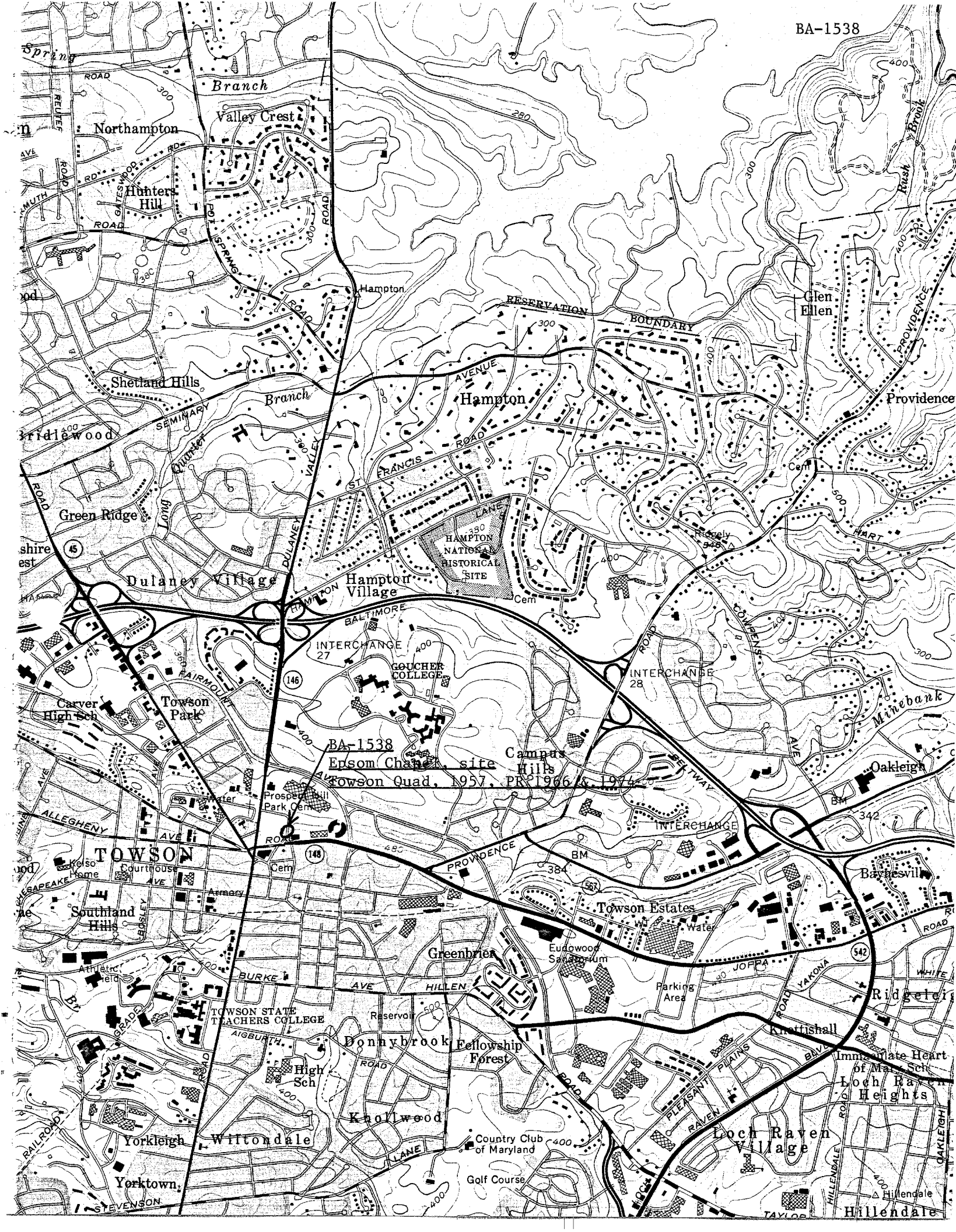
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FORK 5.2 MI  
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KINGSVILLE 6.3 MI  
GUNPOWDER  
WHITE MARSH 6.6 MI  
BALTIMORE  
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SVILLE 1.8 MI





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Epsom Chapel site  
Towson Quad, 1957, PR 1966 & 1974